

The Bethel Courier.

FRIDAY MORNING, JAN. 27, 1860.

Editorial Correspondence.

Augusta, Jan. 22, 1860.

DEAR COURIER:—Here we are in Augusta among men, political and expectant. The Senate and House are quite busy. The Valuation Committee are nearly through with their labors, while our neighbors, Norway and Paris are engaged in settling disputed territory.

The Board of Agriculture are in session, and have a vast amount of business before them. Mr. Foster of Missouri, made one of the best speeches, which happily combined science with practice, to which we ever listened. For nearly three quarters of an hour he held a large and intelligent audience spell bound as he in a simple and unaffected manner related his experience; illustrating in fact his experience by science in agriculture. It was a living commentary on the value of knowledge to the farmer.

On Sunday we had the pleasure of listening to a sermon by Rev. Mr. Webb. He is a popular preacher. Whether ministers acknowledge it or not, we believe that Henry Ward Beecher has done more to change the style of sermon preaching among the clergy of New England within five years past, than has been effected by other causes for half a century. Most ministers are no more afraid at the present day to seize upon the simplest objects around them for illustration, than was our Saviour 1800 years ago, and they have improved wonderfully in arresting attention and keeping a hold of their hearers. We were also pleased with another feature which might be introduced into all our churches. After reading the hymn preceding the sermon, the chorists requested all to unite in singing. The chorister selected a familiar hymn the congregation arose and the spacious house was filled with praise.

We were pleased with another thing. The organist made his instrument subordinate to the choir. How different from some organists who try to make the audience believe the instrument is mad, and so let out all the noise they can. The practice in country churches that are only supplied with a melodeon, of trying to make as much noise as possible so as to imitate an organ is a great mistake. Touch the instrument lightly and tastefully, ye organists, and reserve the whole compass of the instrument for special occasions.

The Board of Agriculture had a smart debate this week on taxing dogs. One of the Reporters had his manuscript in his pocket on his way home, when a hall porter seeing it sticking out of his pocket, thinking that all was not right sprang for it with the full determination of resisting all encroachment on his rights. The Board were almost unanimous that dogs were a nuisance.

THE SHOE BUSINESS. No less than \$8907 cases of boots and shoes were sent from Auburn by railroad, during the year 1859—nearly all of the goods being manufactured in that town.—The Lewiston Journal says that, of the whole number 7200 cases contained 60 pairs each, or 532,540 in all, and 1698 cases contained 120 pairs each, (children's copper tip shoes chiefly), or in all 205,760. Aggregate number of pairs made and shipped by rail, 638,300. In round numbers the value of the former was about \$300,000 and of the latter \$25,000. Total value of shoes manufactured in Auburn and shipped by rail, \$325,000.

There had been no election of speaker up to Wednesday.

Three of our citizens "went a fishing" one day last week, and returned at night with nearly 125 pounds of pickerell.

Several parties of hunters have started within a few days for Wild River after deer, and have generally had good luck.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

The citizens of this beautiful village and vicinity have been unusually favored this winter with social entertainments. They have been of the first class, and nothing but the most strict decorum has been maintained. They have been participated in by the middle aged as well as the youth of this vicinity. Strangers from abroad who have been kindly invited to attend, have been pleased as well as surprised to observe the close resemblance of the grace, beauty, and refinement of this town to the dense and brilliantly lighted Halls of their own City assemblies.

Much praise is due to Mr. Lovejoy, the landlord of the (pride of our village) Bethel House, for his gentlemanly and experienced management in regard to the Hall and ante-rooms which he has thrown open to the most respectable part of the public. He has endeavored to the utmost of his power to attend to the comfort and wants of those assembled. Strangers from the adjoining towns, we doubt not, have been well satisfied, and while they have been well supplied from a goodly table, their horses have been attended to by a faithful keeper.

On Friday last, we had the pleasure of attending the social assembly given by Messrs. Gee & Weeks, which was well patronized. Those who were present seemed to enjoy themselves amazingly, and when they were carried away, as it seemed, by sweet music to some fairy land, they would be called to their proper sphere by the clear, ringing voice of Mr. Gee. After tripping the "light fantastic toe" until about 12 o'clock, and partaking of some refreshment provided by the kindness of Mr. Lovejoy, they retired in high spirits.

Mr. Gee will probably give another entertainment in two weeks from his last, and we hope that all his friends will give him a good greeting.

It would be useless to describe our pleasure in attending, once more, the social entertainment given by Mr. H. Ripley, on Tuesday last. He was well patronized by both the young and middle aged, and as you cast your eyes around you and beheld the happy glowing countenances, and the gleaming twinkle of black and blue eyes, one might well be safe in forming the opinion that the music produced by Messrs. Ripley, Buckner & Annett, were well appreciated. After enjoying themselves to their heart's content until about 12 o'clock, and receiving the thanks of Mr. Ripley for their kind patronage, they returned to their homes.

Friend Ripley would be happy to receive his friends at the Bethel House in two weeks from last Tuesday, and we have no doubt they will have a very pleasant time.

The entertainments given by Messrs. Buckner, Annett & Merrill, are well attended. Their music is very good indeed, and the young people enjoy themselves very much. They give an entertainment every Thursday evening, and any one wishing to enjoy themselves for a few hours will do well to patronize them.

We would say to all our friends, either handsome or plain, that they can get a good picture of themselves by calling on J. E. Small. There is not another Artist in the State who is better prepared to make a good picture, than he.

Attention is directed to the Advertisement headed "I N," to be found in another column.

The Relief Fund for the sufferers at Lawrence has received nearly \$22,000.

THE STEAM MILL.—Mr. Bottefield informs us that he shall be able to commence the manufacture of Sash, Blinds, Doors, &c., at the new Factory sometime in March. He has sent the old engine to Messrs. Dunham & Libby's Machine Shop, Norway, to be repaired.

GARDNER, K. T., Jan. 4, '60.

MR. EDITOR:—It was my purpose, long since, to acknowledge the very acceptable visits of the Courier, which comes each week freighted with items of general and local interest; bearing the impress of names that recall the fond familiar faces of those among whom a childhood and youth have been passed. Imagination paints my early home; and the richness of memories' experience is vividly reproduced, since that the wanderer embarked alone from thence, ere early dawn dispelled night's sombre mantle from surrounding hills. Those hills in short summer clothed in nature's richest verdure, and in winter haring their rock ribbed sides, and ice-bound summits, to the stern frowns and ebullient snows: I see them still; and as I follow the circuit of the horizon around which appears this mountain boundary there is a certain indefinable impression of limit, to a dormant ambition. The eye wearies of the sight.

But the scene is changed: these mountain districts have at once a wildness and a grandeur that is really wanting in this western world. Even the rivers and lesser streams seem tame, in the absence of those deep gorges, and true river rocky channels, through which New England waters find their way. Nor is there all the contrast, between the east and the west as presented in the natural world. The moral seem, if possible, still more unlike human nature here appears in a garb undisguised; free from the restraints of society, there is a native independence, a freedom of speech and doctrine, not altogether so agreeable to those sensitive beings who are ever harping upon peace principles. If we are to judge of man as he is, we must surely judge of him as we find him. But what a while I have often thought Kansas must be destined to be a bright particular star in the western constellation, since from all his first introduction to the "known world," she has attracted so much attention, both East and West. Here are representatives from almost every State in the Union. Here too have gathered the wanderers in distant lands: Here are many whose early fortunes were staked in California. Some in the mines and some in the Indian trade, and some in the stock raising industry, which may be regarded as a second California, rich in natural wealth, possessing a soil unsurpassed, and a climate healthy and agreeable with facilities for improvement within the reach of all.

From the Gold regions come to us cheering account of miners at work upon the hills in operation even at this season of the year. Towns and cities are building up at a more rapid rate than even eastern Kansas, and a still greater tide of emigration is confidently expected the coming spring.

M. D. F. T.

ANOTHER VICTIM. Miss Celia Smith who was so badly injured at Lawrence and has since died, belonged in Andover in this County. Her body was brought home for interment one day this week. She was the daughter of James Smith of that town and had numerous friends in this section.

We are having very fine weather at present. The sleighing is good, and weather moderate. By the way Mr. Lovejoy has got a very nice team for the accommodation of all parties who wish to enjoy the pleasures of riding swiftly and comfortably.

BOSTON LIBERALITY. Up to Friday last, the corporation, and citizens of Boston, including the Suffolk Club, had contributed \$13,000 to the sufferers by the Lawrence disaster. The total amount which will be contributed by Boston for the sufferers will undoubtedly reach the sum named. There is scarcely a parallel to this prompt liberality on record; and we doubt if there is a city in the world of the same population where so large a sum could have been collected for any similar object in so short a time.—[Boston Advertiser.

The absence of the Editor will account for the lack of original matter this week.

HORRIBLE CASE OF DESTINATION.

The Chicago Democrat gives the particulars of a horrible case of destination and death which came to the knowledge of the police of that city on Sunday, the 1st inst. It appears that a shanty which contained but one room, and whose walls freely admitted the freezing wind, was occupied by a family, consisting of Edward Miles, wife and two children, John Donegan, and Mary Devereux—six in all—who were without fire or food, with scanty clothing, and only one bed, and on Saturday night Mary Devereux was traced to death under the following distressing circumstances:

From the evidence of Mrs. Bridge Miles, Edward Miles and John Donegan, it appeared that the deceased was a single woman, about 35 years old, and carried her living by working out, she was very intemperate in habits, and had lived with Mrs. Miles about three months, during the absence of Mr. Miles, who had been off South, working. He returned home Friday night, with a fever, but no money. The Miles family being very poor, and their house very small, Mrs. Miles told the deceased on Saturday morning that she must leave. She went away, and returned about dark, very drunk. Miles, his wife, their two children and Donegan, all went to bed in the same bed, early in the evening, leaving the deceased sitting by the stove, in which there was a little fire. They had no more wood. Some time during the night Mrs. Miles got up to get a drink for one of the children. She felt of Mary, who was then lying behind the stove, and who was then frozen stiff. She told her husband and Donegan that Mary was dead. As there was no fire in the stove, and they had no wood to make one, they thought they might restore her to life by artificial heat, so they took her to bed with them, and all got in together, making six persons in one small bed. In the morning they found that Mary was frozen just as stiff as when they put her in the bed. She had not thawed a bit.

Mr. Everett computes that the use of alcoholic beverages costs the United States directly, in ten years, \$120,000,000; has lost or otherwise destroyed, \$3,000,000 more property; has destroyed 4,000,000; sent 252,000 to our prisons, and 100,000 children to the poor house; caused 1,500 murders, 5,000 suicides, and has impoverished the country 150,000 orphan children.

An acquaintance of ours wishes to become a farmer, and says he understands and can perform all kinds of farm work except mowing, pitching and raking hay, building fence, driving team and taking care of stock ploughing, hoeing, planting, harvesting, and other similar labors. The truth is, he wants a farm with a large acreage, a fast team and a rich "old man," so that he can plough and ride with the girls when the moon shines, and when it don't, sit before a good fire, winter evenings and eat apples, bread, cider, and all stories! In the summer season he would attend to the gunning and fishing department.

The ship Rockall has been purchased of Wainwright & Tappan, for \$12,000, to be used as a nautical school for boys of the Massachusetts State Reform School. The ship is of 700 tons burthen, and will be able to accommodate one hundred and fifty boys, with the necessary officers. The vessel is in good condition, and the purchase includes spare sails, spars, &c., of the value of about \$600. The name of the vessel probably be changed, and it is expected she will be located in Boston Harbor, and that the school will be commenced in the coming spring. A practice vessel, brigs, of one hundred tons, is also to be purchased for the use of the school. Negotiations are now in progress to secure such a vessel.

The Farmers Club meets next Thursday Eve. at Amos Merrill's Subject—Raising of Stock.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY. The February number of this able and popular magazine is received. Its contents presents the usual variety of instructive and entertaining papers.—They are—Counting and Measuring; My Last Love; A Shetland Shawl; Robs di Roma; The Amber Gods; The Poet's Friends; The Memorial of A. B.; or Matilda Muffin; Some accounts of a Visionary; The Tree of Pinastqua; The Marrows of Jamaica; The Professor's Story; Mexico; Reviews and Literary Notices; Recent American Publications.

The Philadelphia Press has reason to believe that G. P. L. James intends leaving Venice and returning to his former office of British Consul at Richmond, Va.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.

The New Haven train of cars which left this city yesterday afternoon, met with a serious accident when within a few miles of New Haven. The accident occurred on account of the breaking of the axle of the driving wheel, just after leaving Milford. The speed of the train could not be arrested until the tender trucks were thrown from the track and broken. The express baggage car was turned upside down, and squarely across the track. Although nine gentlemen were in the car at the time, none were injured except Mr. Madison, ex-Agent, slightly.—The fast passenger car was thrown down an embankment of twenty feet, but caught before reaching the bottom. The second passenger car was pitched on one side, directly on a bridge over a small creek, and, like the previous one, the truck was destroyed. The third and fourth cars remained on the track, uninjured.—The engine ran about two hundred yards ahead of the baggage car before its velocity could be checked.—There were two hundred and fifty passengers in the train, some of whom were through Boston passengers by the Shore Line. The accident occurred at 3:12 o'clock P. M. The trains going north, and two south, were detained upwards of six hours before the debris of the train could be removed from the track. The train was running at the rate of thirty-two miles per hour, and the escape of the passengers from serious injury is deemed miraculous.

A correspondent of the Bangor Whig writes that Mrs. Polly Spencer of Lincoln, now in her seventy eighth year, spun forty skeins of woolen yarn each skein containing seven knots—in five successive days in December, in addition to doing the house work for a family of six persons. The yarn was evenly and well spun, and on one day she worked off ten skeins without inconvenience or fatigue.

Marshall Rynders has got into a quarrel with several of the New York reporters, and on Friday told the reporter for the Evening Post that if he ever entered his office again he would put him out, whereupon the reporter retorted that the office was a public one, that he should come again, and that the Marshall laid hands on him he would fog him. The matter, therefore, stands thus—either Mr. Rynders or the reporter must take a day's beating. According to the statements in the papers, Rynders is decidedly at fault, and therefore we hope victory will perch on the banner of the knight of the pencil.

A fugitive slave from Harper's Ferry passed through Auburn, N. Y., on his way to Canada, on the 17th inst. Stepping into a restaurant in Auburn, the negro met and was recognized by a United States Marshal who resides at Harper's Ferry, whereupon the fugitive took to his heels and escaped, although the Marshal did not pursue or attempt to detain him.

A miserable black fellow named Johnson, with his wife and three children, who have lived in New York all their lives, procured a cart on Friday and paraded the streets of that city, pretending they were runaway slaves from Louisiana. The box was not found out until they obtained considerable sympathy and money, after which the police escorted them to their home—a cellar in West Broadway.

During the past week nearly ten tons of ice have been sent to New York by parties in Orleans, Mass.

FREE NEGROES LEAVING NEW ORLEANS FOR HAYTI. The Picayune of the 15th inst., states that on that day the barque Laurel would leave New Orleans for Hayti, having as passengers eighty-one free persons of color, who are emigrating from Louisiana to Hayti. These people are all cultivators of the soil, being well versed in farming, and in all the mechanical arts connected with a farm. They are all in easy circumstances, some even rich, one family being worth fifty thousand dollars.

UTAH. Accounts from Washington says that the delegate from Utah will, after an organization of the House, present the application of that Territory for admission into the Union. They adopted a Constitution several years ago. He represents that Utah has a population of 100,000, and that if the Moros were allowed to elect their officers, they would be almost as well satisfied with a Territorial as a State organization, and probably be willing to pay the expenses of their government's aides.

As the mail stage from Bangor was entering Belfast on Saturday noon, it suddenly turned a corner, and ran over a man who was selling a load of wood killing him almost instantly. The name of the man killed was Logan. He lived in Waldo, and leaves a wife and family.

Peter Davis stole a turkey in Burlington, Wisconsin, and was angling with the justice because he would send him to jail for a longer time than thirty days for it—said he stole as he got board for the winter.

The Providence Post says that on Thursday morning, about 2 o'clock, some watchmen discovered two men rolling a barrel of flour in the street. The men ran, but the watchmen succeeded in catching one of them, who proved to be the notorious Bristol Bill, who was pardoned out of the Vermont State Prison last fall. The flour was ascertained to have been stolen from a store on High street.

Michael Baird, a miner, committed suicide at Little York, Pa. He was worth \$400,000, and after his death his iron-hooped boxes and barrels were found to contain \$250,000 in gold and silver. He hung himself because a lot of cover seed which he had sent to Philadelphia did not bring so much by \$550 as he had been offered previously.

An old coin. A copper coin has been found in Madewaska, eight or nine feet beneath the surface of the ground. On one side is inscribed, "Georgius Rex. 1581," and on the other, the word "Hibernia," with two pairs of shears. Other relics have been dug up at the same place, so we are informed by W. F. Hopkinson, Esq., of Fort Fairfield.—Pioneer.

The most amusing man in the world is a Frenchman in a passion. "By gar, you call my wife a woman two three several times once more, an' I will call you the vatch house, and blow out your brains like a candle."

As a pleasant incident of leap year, that quibble party of the most respectable ladies of that city, invited their "lords" to a sleigh ride, one evening this week, and after riding some ten miles drew up before a hotel, where they had ordered supper for the company. They were all at home in good spirits by midnight, and the ladies insisted on footing the bill.

A distressing accident occurred at Livermore Falls on Thursday of last week, resulting in the death, on Sunday morning of a beautiful little daughter of Mr. James L. LeGrow. This little girl, aged about five years, was left with her child brother for a few moments, when screams were heard by those in another part of the house, and on repairing to the room occupied by the children, the little girl was found to be on fire, and before it could be extinguished, the child was burned most shockingly. She lingered until Saturday morning, when she died.

The buildings comprising the works of H. B. Good & Co., formerly the American Steel Company, situated on the west side of the village of Haverhill, on the west side of Meriden, Ct. were entirely destroyed by fire on the evening of Thursday, the 19th inst. something over \$500,000, insured.

Mrs. Louisa White has sued Mr. Wm. H. Burr at Bridgeport, Ct. for breach of promise. As the Burr had not stuck to his engagements, she claims for her disappointment worth about \$6000.

In the last year, the outlay by the British people for Royal establishments amounted to £346,591—making about \$2,732,955. This, however, does not include a number of pensions and allowances that would swell the amount by nearly a million of dollars.

A man by the name of Switzer was arrested in Natchez, Miss. on the 14th inst., on the charge of attempting to commit an outrage on a little girl of 11 years, and would great excitement, taken to prison. In the evening the people, more excited still, assembled in a great crowd, and marched deliberately to the jail, took the prisoner from his cell, and hung him in the court house yard.

ENLARGEMENT OF PARIS. On the morning of January 1st the whole circumference of Paris stepped out a mile and drew within its embraces three hundred thousand new inhabitants. Paris now contains a population of a million and a half. When completed the city will be 30 miles in circumference with 92 gates. The old octroi wall is to be converted into a boulevard and planted with trees, and will constitute the largest street in the world. The people living between the old and new wall have been accumulating for some time great quantities of wine and other articles subject to city tax, with a view of being provided for years after they are annexed to the city with articles that have escaped the octroi. The evasion of the law has weakened the attention of the authorities, but there seems to be no remedy for it. The city revenue will be largely diminished the first year by this ingenious dodge of the law.

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MAILS.

Mails close as follows:—
to Portland, 10 A. M.
to Island Pond, 4 P. M.

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE OF TRAINS.

Arriving train leaves Bethel for Portland, 10 A. M. Retaining—arrives from Portland, 4 P. M.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Sunday Sabbath at 11 o'clock, A. M. at 2 P. M., in the following churches:—
1st Cong'l, Rev. Mr. Westervelt.
2nd Cong'l, Rev. Mr. G. L. G. L.
3rd Cong'l, Rev. Mr. G. L. G. L.

MEETINGS FOR PRAYER.

day evenings at 6-12 o'clock, at the vestry in Bethel, Tuesday evenings. Prayer Meeting, Sunday evenings.

NOTES OF THE "LONG PATR." Set

On a weather beaten, tough-looking S. at hand, passed through Sacramento, Cal., recently, with two old "stuck" school, which attracted a considerable attention. Grant said: "I came to America in 1819, and joined the American Fur Company, and was with Col. Vasselt when he discovered the Great Salt Lake of Utah, which Vasselt thought was an arm of the Pacific Ocean. The two rifles, Grant said, were carried by the party at that season, and other incidents into them—some as trophies, to be hung up with the tannins and clay-orens of his countrymen.

FIRE IN PORTLAND. The alarm of 6 o'clock last night about 12 o'clock, arose from the burning of a shed connected with the Kennebec Oil Works in Cape Elizabeth. The fire, a good alarm, shortly after 12, arose from the burning of a stable on South Main, occupied by Mr. Jos. Stevens; and the third, about one o'clock, from the burning of the cabin of the schooner, Harriet Newell, belonging to Orrington, lying at Meriden's wharf.—Argus, 24th.

SHARP PRACTICE. A day or two since, one of our good citizens, who will be recognized at once if we call him John Smith, happened to go into a grocery establishment, and understanding that silver change was in demand, inquired what money they had for it, and was informed of five cents. Thereupon he drew forth twenty five cents in change, and handed it over to the grocery man, and received therefor a regular dollar bill. This extraordinary speculation, or something else, led our friend to the extraordinary case of calling for a three-cent piece of beer, which was furnished at once, when he drew for it the identical dollar and tendered it in payment, which was received, and in a very short time in change handed back. At the latest date, the grocery man was attempting to burn up the post on the glass of beer.—Kennebec Telegraph.

A legal friend informs us the Chicago Times that he had just drawn up the assignment for the post office of an extensive military establishment, and that city, whose failure was announced chiefly by the pre-arranged fashion among the ladies, wearing upon their heads the new articles called "clouds" and "hairs" instead of bonnets. The assigner declared that he had sold nearly a hundred this winter, and the case was similar with the millinery business generally.

A flood of wild geese passed over Augusta, on Monday, on their way north. Probably they mistook the Jailary thaw for approach of spring.

NEW MILL. It is rumored that a beginning towards the erection of a new mill of 40,000 spindles at the lower end of the canal, will be made early in the spring. We hope this rumor will prove true. [Lewiston Advocate.

A detailed report of the terrible wreck of the American clipper ship Flora Temple, of Baltimore, in the China Sea, on the 8th of October, with the loss of 850 Coolies and 18 Europeans, has been sent to the N. Y. Herald from Hong Kong by the overland route from China via Marseilles. It was written by Dr. A. P. Childs, a passenger on board. The Flora Temple left Macao for Havana on the 6th of Oct. '59, having a crew of fifty men and 850 Chinese Coolies. On the 14th of Oct., at 7:30 P. M., she struck a reef in the China Sea, at first slightly, and afterwards with a tremendous crash. The ship with the Coolies still on board, was abandoned by the captain and crew, and it is supposed they were all drowned.

The fishing bounty paid in Belfast (Me.) District for the past year amounts to \$22,732.96.

